

would proceed to attempt the Inlistment of the men with the twenty Dollars Bounty without promising the ten Dollars which Congress were not inclinable to grant at present but had appointed a Committee to draw up a Letter to the Convention of Maryland on the Subject of their Resolves setting forth their Reasons for not furnishing us with money and dissuading them from that mode of raising men.

We informed the Gentlemen our Province had no Land solely, that an Expectation was formed by the People of our State that what was conquered from an Enemy at the joint Expence of Blood and Treasure of the whole should become their joint property but as Claims had been set up opposite to our Ideas of natural Justice it became wise people rather to prepare for the worst by giving ten Dollars now than trust to the mercy of a few Venders from whom they would be obliged to purchase (having pledged their Honour) at any price, the Case of all Monopolies; that we had limited Orders from our Convention a special Authority under which we must act and not deviate; that if their Letter to our Convention could be wrote in any reasonable Time we would await the Event and return or advance as we should be by them ordered.

They also observed that the State of Maryland shewed a Disposition to separate by their Resolves from the united States, that the Resolves ran in the Stile of we would not—We remarked in Reply that the Terms made use of were ought not and the two Reasons that appeared in the Resolves themselves were first that the mode of Calculation was unequal and the second that it was out of our power to comply not having the Lands solely and exclusively and yet notwithstanding Injustice was done us and we had not the Lands &c We had as a State resolved to raise the men requested by Congress which together with our former Zeal in the Cause evinced our Attachment to it and ought in our opinion to have excused us from such an Imputation. Thus ended the Discourse and it is now Thursday Evening and no Lrē wrote that we know of I shall wait upon a Gentleman of the Congress tomorrow for the Lrē to go by the Post and we intend to write to the Convention. The Aristocratical Party or those who have a Desire for a Mixture of it in the Governm^t have appealed to the People at large ag^t the Democratical or ag^t a great part of the Constitution settled by the late Convention of Pennsylvania—The Aristocratics headed by Dickinson M^cKean Wilson Rush &c^a have beat their Adversaries Cannon Matlock &c all hollow as the Sportsmans phrase is—This work is to go on through all the Counties